

How the News Came to Lonesome.

(Written by request)

It was a wonderfully mild morning for spring in the Virginia mountains. There was a smell of fresh earth from the damp ground where the snow had melted at least. A faint flush lay over the great orchards around the big white house, that would later be almost hidden in the rose and white of the cherry and peach trees. In grandmother's garden the green Christmas roses, whose bulbs had been brought from Holland, had dropped their petals, and the "Easter flowers" were budding. I had trotted after my grandfather on his tour of the stables and cattle sheds and we were coming from the great red barn on the

hill. I planted my feet down steadily, and walked with my hands behind me in imitation of the tall, strong figure before me. The town lay a short mile above us, and the plantation path, which was open to all well-conducted passersby, was the "short-cut." As we turned toward the house, by way of the garden, my keen young eyes saw a well-known figure coming through the bare boughs of the orchard. "Grandpa, look! It is Mr. Early, and he is running. What is the matter. The Yankees don't come now." My grandfather turned and went quickly towards the tall, gaunt, gray-haired man, a cousin of General John Early, who came hurrying down the path. As he came, he waved his arms, and shouted as black mummy did at camp meeting. "Hallelujah, my friend! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! He hath smitten the wicked upon their high places!" As the two men met he caught my grandfather frantically by the hand, crying, "Rejoice with me! Abraham Lincoln was shot by young both in Ford's Theater, and lived only a short time. We are delivered. The oppressor hath fallen. Hallelujah!" My grandfather said just two words, but instinctively, I knew they meant more than volumes from another man. They were, wonder and horror that ran through me. I can feel now the thrill of "Thank God!" I stood looking up, my child heart. What a terrible man must this be, how fearful must have been his sins that my grandpa should thank God because he was dead! My grandpa who was the only father I ever knew, in whose arms I went to sleep every night of my life, without whose kiss and blessing I could not begin a day—how great a monster must the man be over whose fall he rejoiced, when I had seen tears run down his face as he witnessed the sufferings of the poor soldiers sheltered in our home through the long years of the Civil war, even though he was a physician and had seen so much of misery. I think that, to this day, nothing has so ineffaceably impressed me with the bitterness of the hatred bred by the Civil war, as that "Thank God" of my grandpa.

The months passed. The horrors of reconstruction were upon us. In southeastern Virginia things were not as terrible as in North and South Carolina, for one reason, because slave families were much smaller, and the whites were in the majority, but it was bad enough. It was a carnival of misrule. The iron of injustice ate into the hearts of our men, we realized the oppression that men felt even wise men mad. Then, slowly, very slowly, but surely, we awoke to the knowledge that he whom we had most hated was in reality our best friend at the North. Once his kindly heart was stilled, the fury of the reneader, Andrew Jackson, the unflinching bitterness of Stanton, the malignity of Seward, were unleashed upon us. One day I, sitting at my grandfather's knee, under the great trees of Lonesome heard another conversation. My uncle and he were speaking as men speak when their hearts are too full to be restrained, of the shameful things happening with each day. Major Young laid his hand upon my grandfather's knee. "Brother Doc, these things would not be as they are if that poor, good natured joker had lived. Abraham Lincoln never hated us as these men do." My grandfather frowned heavily. "I believe you are right, I rejoiced when I knew he was dead, but I little knew over what I was rejoicing. I think the fiends of Sheol rejoiced, too. I did not know the future, who does?"

No, he did not know, I have lived to see Southern men admire Lincoln. Far more wonderful, I have even lived to hear Northern men speak in terms of admiration of Robert E. Lee, the noblest man, the purest Christian, the most self-sacrificing patriot that ever drew a sword. Today school children of one state in Dixie are remembering Abraham Lincoln. Perhaps in the millennium, school children of Massachusetts may remember Robert Lee.

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EXPERIMENT STATION

EXPECTS A REPETITION OF THE GREEN BUG PLAGUE THIS YEAR

RESEARCH INVESTIGATION

Shows the Destruction by Crop-Damaging Insects to be Very Great. State is Favorably Located as a Harbor for Corn and Cotton Pests.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 11.—That Oklahoma is quite likely to be revisited by the green bug, which did so much damage in 1907, and other similar insect pests, is the declaration made in the annual report just made by the Oklahoma experiment station at Stillwater to the state board of agriculture.

"As a matter of fact," says the report, "Oklahoma is ideally situated so far as insects are concerned. On the border between the corn and cotton belt, midway between the plains and valley regions, she can furnish ideal conditions for insects of life zones. The winters are short and mild enough to shield successfully the southern pests from destruction and the summers are long enough to allow full development and opportunity to do much destruction."

Special attention is given in the section of the report dealing with the department of botany and entomology to the green bug and its ravages in Oklahoma, and it is declared that the year 1907 will go down in the history of Oklahoma as the "green bug year." The insect appeared in January, 1907, and before it was destroyed by its natural enemies it had destroyed 85 per cent of the oat crop and more than 75 per cent of the wheat crop of the state.

Experiments of the department in connection with the green bug visitation demonstrated that the wheat that was sown early in good soil and had the heaviest stand was in the best condition to withstand the green bug. The parasite bee was found to be the insect that was most effective in suppressing the green bug, apparently possessing unlimited powers of devouring the little pests.

The lady bug was also tried as a green bug exterminator, and in the experiments at the station lady bugs were fed upon green bugs to determine how many they could devour in one day. The greatest number was 192 which proved that this insect was not equal to the occasion when it came to suppressing a general epidemic of green bugs. The green bug females produced at the rate of 10 each per day.

The year was also notable for the appearance of the Mexican boll weevil in sufficient number and over a wide enough area to become a factor in cotton raising. The Hessian fly again appeared in the fall wheat, a moth seriously damaged the apple crop of the state, the curculio destroyed a large part of the stone fruit crop and the web worm damaged at least 5 per cent of the cotton crop and 3 per cent of the corn. It was also especially destructive to alfalfa. The chinch bug loved the 10 per cent taxation and the San Jose scale and locust borers did much damage in the localities where they appeared.

Substantial progress along all lines of general experiment work and the approved original research investigations provided for by the Adams act is reported in the experimental station report. While many of the experiments under way, and more especially those authorized under the Adams act, were not concluded, there was collected during the year sufficient data for the publication of six bulletins, five circulars and twelve press bulletins, all giving the result of important experiments at the station. The experimental station received during the year a total of \$24,000 from the federal government, \$15,000 under the Hatch act and \$9,000 under the Adams act.

The department of entomology is now engaged in studying the economic value of two fungus diseases, one of which attacks San Jose scale and the other the chinch bug. The department of chemistry is engaged in a complete study of cotton seed meal and the blood of hogs diseased by feeding cotton seed meal. When the importance of cotton seed meal as a feeding material is recognized, the report states that it must be fed advisedly because of

its dangerous effect upon certain animals.

Progress already made in the investigation of certain subjects supported by the Adams act will warrant the publication of the following preliminary reports during the ensuing year: Problems of animal breeding, the blossoming and setting of fruit of the tomato, breeding corn and sorghums, and the diseases of the San Jose scale and chinch bug.

Among the subjects in which information has been gathered under the Hatch act, to be given to the public during the present year, are the growing and improving of cotton, corn, sorghum, certain leguminous plants, alfalfa seed growing, bacteriological studies of milk and its products, vegetable experiments, the peach and forestry experiments.

Supplementary reports of several of the departments of the experiment station are included. The department of veterinary science and bacteriology reports 29,023 doses of black leg vaccine sent to farmers from the laboratory during the past year. According to this report the use of vaccine has fallen off considerably during the last five years, indicating a lessening of the number of cases but it is not considered probable that the disease will be entirely eradicated in the near future, and the continued use of vaccine twice a year among young cattle is recommended in all communities where the disease is prevalent.

The report states that hog cholera is the most destructive and perhaps the most difficult of hog diseases to handle. Recent experiments of the department of agriculture indicate that the disease may be prevented by a system of vaccination similar in a general way to the system used in checking black leg.

The horticulture department reports the completion of experiments in raising sweet potatoes upon thin upland soil of poor quality with a hard pan subsoil. This soil is not found to be suitable for sweet potato growing and the results are of interest only to farmers who have such soil. The early Golden showed the best yield on that class of soil, producing 17,771 pounds per acre. Other varieties produced as follows: Black Spanish, 6,795 pounds; Blooming, 5,094; extra early Carolina, 9,009; Hanover yam, 11,585; Red Bermuda, 15,309; Red Nancemond, 4,807; Red Nose, 9,889; Southern Queen, 6,134; Vineless, 981; Vineless Pumpkin yam 16,871; Yellow Jersey, 6,328.

INDIANS CLAIM LANDS

WICHITA AND AFFILIATED INDIAN BANDS TO BRING SUIT FOR THREE SECTIONS OF LAND.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Congressman Fulton has introduced a bill in congress which he will try to get action on this session, providing that the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians shall be permitted to bring suit in the court of claims to establish the right of ownership to sections four, six and seven, of what is known as the "leased district."

The Indians claim they originally owned this land and were in possession of it for many years before the government acquired any color of title, that they have never in any way parted with the title to this land but that the government has never directly or indirectly secured title to it, although the United States have taken possession and appropriated such lands.

The Indians want the court of claims to pass on the value per acre of the land and give the Wichitas a judgment for the amount against the United States.

Order for Hearing Petition to Sell Real Estate.

State of Oklahoma, Carter County, In County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Hattie Clark, deceased.

Now, on this 9th day of January, 1909, O. M. Redford, Adm., having filed herein his petition for the sale of the real estate described in said petition for reasons in said petition stated.

It is ordered, that said petition be and is hereby set for hearing on the 6th day of February, A. D., 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted for the sale of so much of the real estate of said Hattie Clark, deceased, as is necessary for the reasons in said petition stated.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published for three successive weeks in the Ardmoreite of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

W. F. BOWMAN, Special County Judge.



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PETITION.

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma:

We the undersigned citizens and property owners, on Fourth Avenue, Northeast, beginning at the east side of Washington Street and continuing to I Street, hereby petition your honorable body to take such steps as the law directs in having sidewalks constructed on said avenue.

Very respectfully,
SAM WEEKS,
W. S. FRALEY,
MRS. J. L. WELLS,
J. R. HUTCHINS,
C. E. FRALEY,
BERT GAINES,
SMITH-FRALEY LUMBER CO.,
MISS MCCABE,
T. J. DARRAH,
H. A. KEMBEL.

Resolution.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, that pursuant to a petition signed by more than ten citizens and property owners on Fourth Avenue, Northeast, beginning at the east side of Washington Street and continuing to I Street in said city asking that sidewalks be put in on said street, it is hereby ordered that the said sidewalks be necessary and that the property owners on said avenue are hereby ordered to proceed to put down concrete sidewalks four (4) feet wide in ten days from this date and upon failure to do so within said time that the City Council will advertise for bids and put said sidewalks in and charge the same to the adjoining property owners.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January, 1909.

J. R. PENNINGTON, Mayor.

Attest:
G. H. BRUCE, City Clerk. 5-10

Notice of Sale of Real Estate by Guardian.

In the matter of the guardianship of Ballison Willis, minor, P. C. Dings, Guardian or Curator.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of an order of the county court of Carter County, Oklahoma, made on the 5th day of January, 1909, the undersigned, P. C. Dings, Curator (Guardian of the estate of Ballison Willis, Minor, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder, subject

to confirmation by said court on the 18th day of January, A. D., 1909 (Monday), at ten o'clock a. m., at Ardmore, Carter county, Oklahoma, all the right, title and interest of the said Ballison Willis, minor, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 35, Twp. 6 S., R. 2 E.

Lot No. 2; NW 10.07 acres of Lot No. 3; NE 10.06 acres Lot 4; W $\frac{1}{2}$ 29.95 acres of Lot 4; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; of Section 4; Lot No. 1, Section 5, Twp. 7 South, Range 3 East, all in Love County, Oklahoma.

The E 20 acres and SW 10.13 acres of Lot No. 1, Section 29, Twp. 3 South, Range 2 East, in Carter County, Oklahoma.

Said real estate will be sold on the following terms and conditions, to-wit: Cash on delivery of deed.

Bids for the purchase thereof must be in writing, and must be filed in the county court, or delivered to the undersigned at the office of Cabell & Bass at Ardmore, Oklahoma, on or before ten o'clock a. m., January 18th, 1909. Bids for said land in one parcel, or in separate parcels or subdivisions will be received.

Dated this January 5th, 1909.

P. C. DINGS,
Guardian (or Curator).

Postoffice Appointments.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The president today sent to the senate the name of J. W. Strawn to be confirmed as postmaster at Idabel, Okla. The postoffice department announces the following appointments to fourth-class offices: John K. Allen, at Cheek, Alexander Bird at Natron, William S. Smith at Polham, Harry H. Mendenthal has been appointed a rural mail carrier at Mutual Okla.

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